

# Music from the Master

## DJ Rob Swift's Top 10 Must-Have Albums

In the world of music, there are few scratch masters. Rob Swift is one, making a name for himself in 1991 with the turntablist crew the X-ecutioners. The next year, he was declared DMC/Technics East Coast DJ champion. He has since gone on to remix and produce tracks for artists like Cornershop and Lords of Acid. Like most master mixologists, Swift is adept at multi-tasking, scoring hi-tech games and television projects, occasionally spinning at major clubs worldwide, as well as combining forces with jazz greats Herbie Hancock and Bob James.

Anyway, just as you would ask your mom for cold remedies, your mechanic what kind of car you should buy or your gay neighbor for interior decorating advice, we asked DJ Rob Swift what music we absolutely, positively should not live

without. Here are his top 10 must-have albums, along with his expert reasons why:

### 1. ILLMATIC

*Nas*

This album symbolizes what goes through the mind of a young black male in NYC. Also, this was the first Hip Hop album that featured a variety of producers (Large Professor, Pete Rock, DJ Premier, Q-Tip.) It was innovative lyrically and sonically.

### 2. IT TAKES A NATION OF MILLIONS...

*Public Enemy*

Not only was this one of the best-produced albums ever (Bomb Squad), but it was also the most revolutionary Hip Hop album. It made people think about the social issues that affect us all.

### DJ Rob Swift & DV One

DJs Rob Swift and DV One will spin on Friday at Hapa's in Kihei. Doors open at 10 p.m. Tickets are \$11, available at Request Records in Wailuku. Call 244-9315.

### 3. RAISING HELL

*Run DMC*

The Kings of Rap—what else can I say? Every single song on this album is dope.

### 4. BREAKING ATOMS

*Main Source*

This is a must-have album, especially if you focus more on the production side of Hip Hop. Large Professor produced this album and revolutionized beat-making in the process. If don't have it, find it!

### 5. BLOOD SUGAR SEX MAGIC

*Red Hot Chili Peppers*

Here, the Chili Peppers are paving the way for future groups like Korn and Linkin Park. Rick Rubin (Run DMC, LL Cool J, Beastie Boys) produced this album.

### 6. TOXICITY

*System of A Down*

Metal's version of Public Enemy. I love this album and I love this group. It features the hardest beats that make you wanna bang your head against a wall. Another Rick Rubin production.

### 7. DARK SIDE OF THE MOON

*Pink Floyd*

This is some of the best music you'll ever hear. The music is hypnotic and there is message behind it all. I love how all of the songs blend into each other.

### 8. ARE YOU EXPERIENCED?

*Jimi Hendrix*

There would be no Prince, Lenny Kravitz or Andre 2000 if it weren't for Hendrix.

### 9. MIDNIGHT MARAUDERS

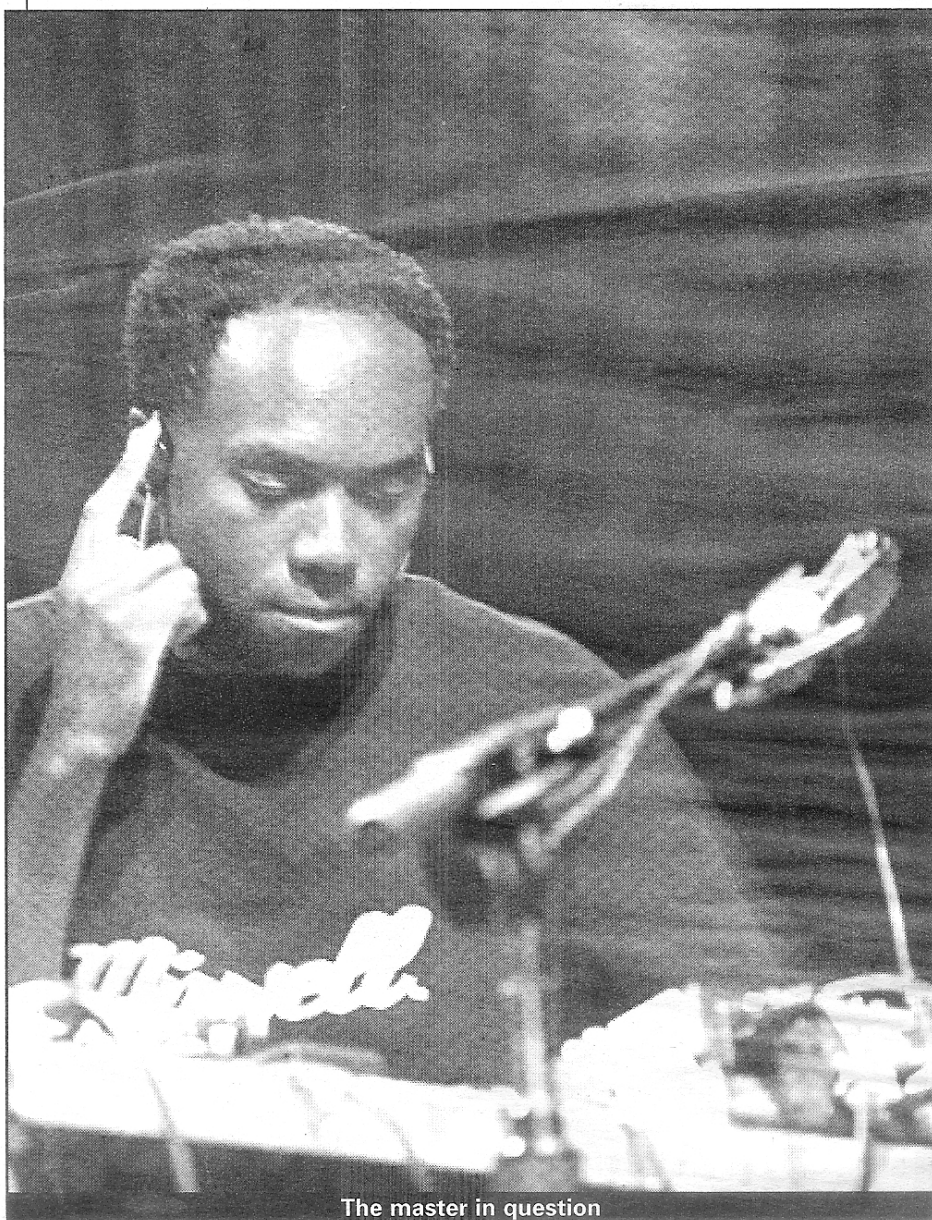
*A Tribe Called Quest*

Really good Hip Hop, plain and simple!

### 10. 3 FEET HIGH AND RISING

*De la Soul*

The first Hip Hop group to incorporate interludes in their music. **MTW**



The master in question